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Earthquake Shaking — Green Alert

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M 6.5, 95 km NW of Vallenar, Chile

Origin Time: 2020-09-01 21:09:17 UTC (Tue 16:09:17 local)
Location: 27.9285° S 71.3937° W Depth: 14.3 km

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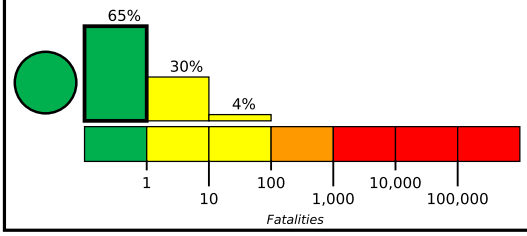
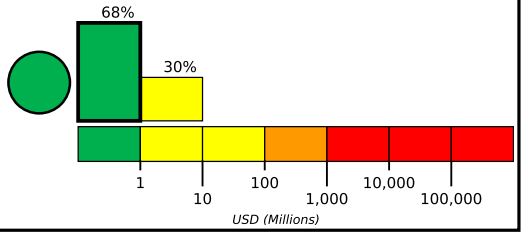
Created: 2 hours, 5 minutes after earthquake

Estimated Fatalities



Green alert for shaking-related fatalities and economic losses. There is a low likelihood of casualties and damage.

Estimated Economic Losses

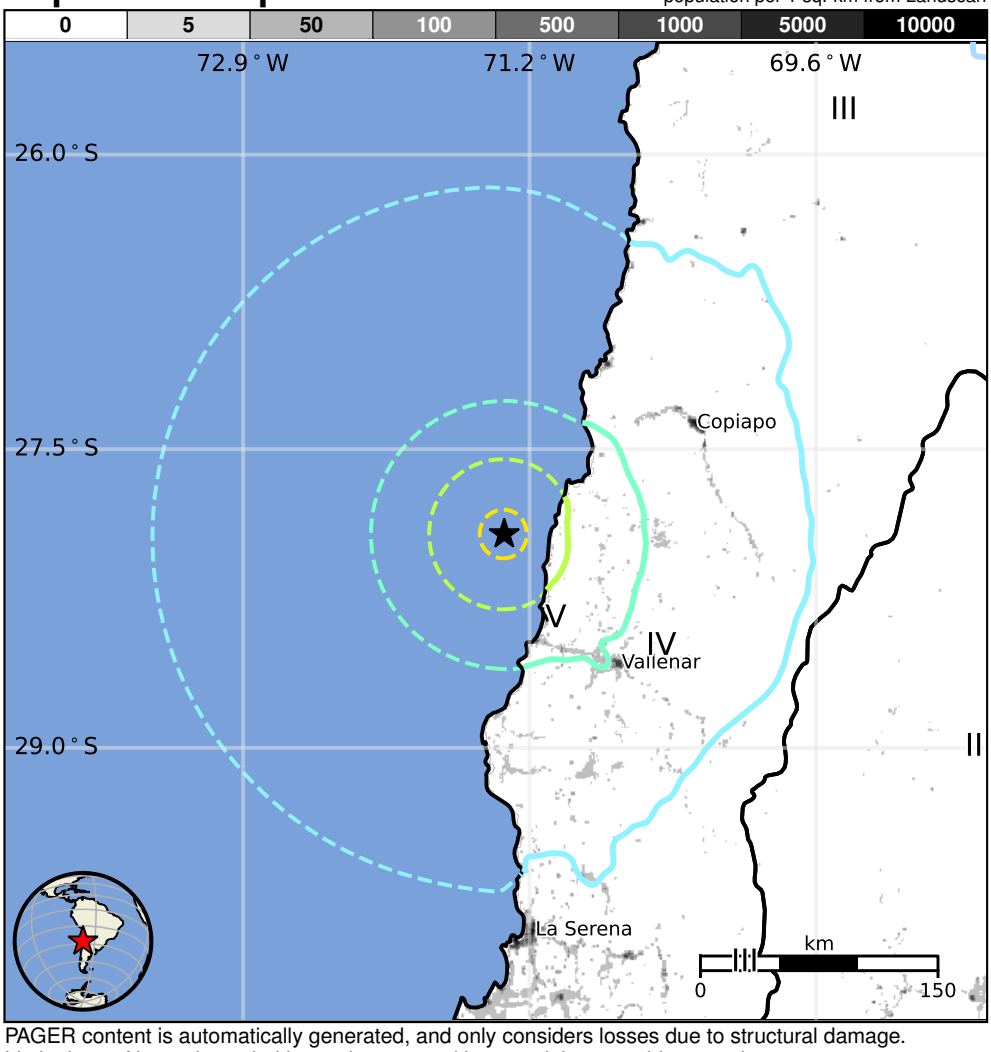


Estimated Population Exposed to Earthquake Shaking

ESTIMATED POPULATION EXPOSURE (k=x1000)		–*	485k*	326k	24k	1k	0	0	0	0
ESTIMATED MODIFIED MERCALLI INTENSITY		I	II-III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X+
PERCEIVED SHAKING		Not felt	Weak	Light	Moderate	Strong	Very Strong	Severe	Violent	Extreme
POTENTIAL DAMAGE	Resistant Structures	None	None	None	V. Light	Light	Moderate	Mod./Heavy	Heavy	V. Heavy
	Vulnerable Structures	None	None	None	Light	Moderate	Mod./Heavy	Heavy	V. Heavy	V. Heavy

*Estimated exposure only includes population within the map area.

Population Exposure



Structures

Overall, the population in this region resides in structures that are resistant to earthquake shaking, though vulnerable structures exist. The predominant vulnerable building types are adobe block and rubble/field stone masonry construction.

Historical Earthquakes

Date (UTC)	Dist. (km)	Mag.	Max MMI(#)	Shaking Deaths
1983-10-04	177	7.6	VII(30k)	5
1975-03-13	220	6.9	VIII(266k)	2
1997-10-15	330	7.1	VIII(3k)	7

Recent earthquakes in this area have caused secondary hazards such as landslides that might have contributed to losses.

Selected City Exposure

from GeoNames.org

MMI	City	Population
IV	**Vallenar**	**45k**
IV	**Copiapo**	**129k**
IV	**Vallenar**	**<1k**
III	**La Serena**	**155k**
III	Vicuna	13k
III	Diego de Almagro	18k
III	Coquimbo	161k
III	Rodeo	<1k
III	San Jose de Jachal	21k

bold cities appear on map. (k=x1000)

PAGER content is automatically generated, and only considers losses due to structural damage. Limitations of input data, shaking estimates, and loss models may add uncertainty.

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